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I am female a former physical education teacher of males and females and a coach of males and females in the sport of tennis. I have 40 years of experience in coaching in particular.

It is my testimony that there is a obvious and indisputable physical difference in the strength, speed and endurance of boys. This is due to more fast twitch muscle fibers, more and larger muscles and increased lung capacity. It is a fact of nature that is true no matter who or how it is disputed. Young women can be hurt severely in any sport by a males who aggressively play in women's or girl's contact sports. As for the non contact sports, biological girls are at a speed, endurance and strength disadvantage that is distinctly unfair to them at any age.

Having been in charge of locker rooms of both sexes it would be a great embarrassment to young girls who are starting through puberty to have to share a locker room with boys, especially when going through their menstrual cycle. I would have been horrified to have to change my clothes in front of a boy at that age and even in front of other girls. The insensitivity of our state officials regarding this is an affront to all women and girls. Boys and men have no place in the private areas of women and girls, period!

I realize you, the democrats of the Maine Legislature, are trying to erase women and girls, or need for them from the planet. You are attempting to make them"unnecessary" with your "chest feeding" and other similar activities. Now whether you are adherents to the "One World Forum" doctrine I don't know, most of you wouldn't be aware enough of world activities to know yourself. I know you are told what to do or you will be primaried and God forbid you take a stand against the doctrine of the democrat party to protect the rights of half your citizens so you can clutch onto this low paying, now, low prestige job of being a state democrat legislator Those of you who have daughters and grand daughters should be ashamed to vote for this bill as your child may be affected by your unfair policies. Lets hope it is your daughter or grand daughter that is the one that loses a scholarship or gets injured by what you have voted for rather than a person who defends women's and girl's hard fought rights to their own sports. I was one not so fortunate to be able to play girl's sports as my school didn't have them, only boys sports. I guess this is your aim again, delete girls and women and their rights. It is despicable that you democrats are doing this, especially you weak kneed women democrats and I have known a couple of you. May your related girls suffer the effects of what you are supporting.

Have the guts to oppose your party and stand up for the women and girl's of this state.